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In re Patent Application of:
Russell H. Fish, III

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For: DISTRIBUTED MEANS OF ORGANIZING
AN ARBITRARILY LARGE NUMBER OF
COMPUTERS

Examiner: S. N. Nano

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed December 17, 2004, Applicant hereby provisionally elects claims 1 through 11 and 40 through 50 for continued examination.

REMARKS

The Examiner has required restriction between three groups

I. Claims 1-11 and 40-50 drawn to sending messages throughout the hierarchy to neighboring processors, classified in class 709, subclass 207

II. Claims 12-30 drawn to sending a message along a radial line of logically adjacent computers, classified in class 709, subclass 252.

III. Claims 31-39 drawn to changing a logical location of a computer in a concentric polygon level network, classified in class 709, subclass 251.

Applicant respectfully requests to restrict the present application to the claims of Group I (claims 1-11 and 40-50). Applicant selects Group I without traverse.

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Respectfully submitted,

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